

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the second compound is at least one cholesterol synthesis blocker.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the cholesterol synthesis blocker is lovastatin.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the second compound is an inhibitor of ACAT.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein the first compound that reduces serum cholesterol is an inhibitor of cholesterol esterase.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment replaces the Preliminary Amendment filed with the above-identified continuation application on November 14, 2000. This Replacement Preliminary Amendment corrects the problem with the claim numbering identified by the Examiner in the Official Action dated June 5, 2001.

Claims 12-16 are pending in the application. Support for the newly added claims is found at pages 14-15 of the application. No new matter has been added to the application by way of these claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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